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IT is interesting to compare the position of the London (Royal Free Hospital) School of Medicine for Women at the date of its foundation with its position at the present day. Founded in 1874 by Dr. Sophia Jex-Blake, it occupied a small private house in Hunter Street, Brunswick Square. There were 14 students. Larger premises on the original site were built in 1900, and were opened by King Edward and Queen Alexandra (then Prince and Princess of Wales). The School has now outgrown these buildings. There are to-day 220 students, and a further entry of over 60 is expected next term.

In 1874 there was no General Hospital which would admit women-students to its wards for clinical experience. The Royal Free Hospital has not only thrown open its wards to women-students, but has made qualified women eligible for Resident and Visiting appointments.

In 1874 there was no qualifying body which would examine women for its degrees. The London (Royal Free Hospital) School of Medicine for Women is now "a School of the University of London in the Faculty of Medicine," and all other examining bodies, except the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, admit women to their qualifying examinations.

In 1874 there were only two women—Miss Elizabeth Blackwell and Mrs. Garrett Anderson—on the British Medical Register. There are now about 1,000, of whom over 600 have received their training at this School.

These 600 medical women are doing valuable work all over the world—in Public Health Departments, in Sanatoria, in Poor Law Institutions, in Medical Missions, in Hospitals both in England and in India, as well as in private practice. Many of them, in the present crisis, are working among the sick and wounded both in this country and in France and in Serbia. The Women's Hospital Corps was the first of the voluntary medical units to receive patients in Paris in the early days of September. A Military Hospital in Endell Street for 550 wounded soldiers is in charge of medical women who are former students of this School.

The growth of the School and the useful work done by its former students justify the Council in appealing for funds to provide a much-needed Extension to the School-building.

A further ground of appeal has arisen owing to the War. A large number of men have joined the Army who would otherwise have become medical students. The number of medical men available in the near future must, therefore, be diminished. Any effort which aims at the training of medical women has thus become of increased importance to the nation.

Her Majesty the Queen recently honoured the School with a visit and expressed deep interest in its work. Her Majesty has since sent to the School a sum of £250, from a fund placed at her disposal by the wives of Freemasons, to pay for the training and expenses of a woman medical student, thereby testifying Her Majesty's approval of medicine as a career for those women (and their number is increasing, owing to the War) who desire a professional life.

The Council have secured from the ground-landlords (the Foundling Hospital) a piece of land which adjoins the present premises. Plans have been prepared by Mr. H. V. Ashley, F.R.I.B.A., and so urgent is the need that building has already begun. The Extension will comprise enlargements of the present laboratories, new research-rooms and new lecture-rooms.

The cost of the Extension, with its equipment, is estimated at £30,000. Of this sum £12,000 has been subscribed. The Council earnestly appeal for the remaining £18,000.

Donations may be sent to Her Grace the Duchess of Marlborough, the Hon. Treasurer of the Extension Fund, London (Royal Free Hospital) School of Medicine for Women, 8 Hunter Street, Brunswick Square, W.C.

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ELIZABETH GARRETT ANDERSON
1874
from a Portrait by Herford

SOPHIA JEX-BLAKE
1866
from a Portrait by Lawrence

ELIZABETH BLACKWELL
1859
from a sketch by the Comtesse de Charnacée

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